

# EI SALVADOR



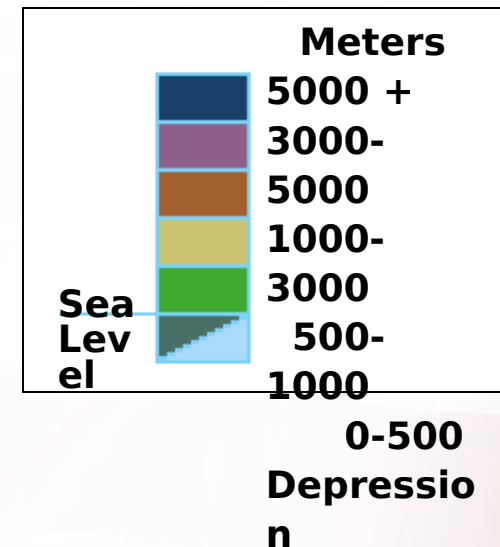
- Unexploded ordinance may remain in back country
- Struggling economy



# El Salvador: Environmental Issues

- Topography
- Climate

**Tropical;  
rainy season  
(May to  
October);  
dry season  
(November  
to April);  
tropical on  
coast;  
temperate in  
uplands**



**Mostly mountains with  
narrow coastal belt and  
central plateau**

***lowest point:* Pacific  
Ocean 0 m**

***highest point:* Cerro El  
Pital 2,720 m**

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# **El Salvador: Environmental Issues**

- Industries
  - Agriculture, textiles, and petroleum transport/refining
- Water
  - Surface water contaminated with raw sewage, industrial waste, and agricultural runoff
- Food
  - Fecal contamination due to raw sewage used as fertilizer

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# **El Salvador: Environmental Issues**

- Greatest short-term environmental health risks
  - Water and food contaminated with raw sewage or runoff
  - Extreme heat

# **El Salvador: Diseases of Operational Importance**

- High risk country
- Diseases of greatest risk
  - Food and Waterborne: bacterial diarrhea, hepatitis A
  - Vector-borne: dengue fever, malaria

# El Salvador: Diseases of Operational Importance

- Diseases of potential risk
  - Food and Waterborne: brucellosis, cholera, protozoal diarrhea, typhoid/paratyphoid fever
  - Vector-borne: Chagas disease, leishmaniasis
  - Sexually transmitted: gonorrhea/chlamydia, hepatitis B, HIV/AIDS
  - Water contact: leptospirosis
  - Respiratory: tuberculosis
  - Animal contact: anthrax, rabies